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SUBJECT: SWISS SALES OF MACHINE TOOLS WITH NUMERICAL CONTROLS

REF: (A) STATE 43258, (B) STATE 25034

1. EDO APPROACHED MR. MAX KRELL OF THE SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 13, 1976 WITH OUR REQUEST FOR SWISS VIEWS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF COCOM REGULATION IL-1091 TO REFTEL B SWISS MACHINE TOOLS WITH NUMERICAL CONTROLS (DIXI MODELS 3S, 75F, AND 5S; AND SIP 8000 SERIES MODELS 55, 65, 75). THE EDO PRESENTED MR. KRELL WITH THE NEW AND OLD COCOM DEFINITIONS OF IL-1091 WHICH COVER THE ABOVE TYPE OF MACHINE TOOLS. THE SWISS WERE ASKED DIRECTLY WHETHER THE MODELS CITED FELL, IN THE SWISS OPINION, UNDER IL-1091 AND IF NOT, WHY NOT. THE EDO REPEATED THE US VIEW THAT THESE MODELS WOULD FALL UNDER IL-1091 BY VIRTUE OF THEIR NUMERICAL OR COMPUTER-NUMERICAL CONTROL UNITS AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN SO SINCE 1972 AT LEAST.

2. MR. KRELL PROMISED TO SUBMIT THE MATTER TO HIS TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS. HE WARNED THE EDO THAT THE PROCESS OF EVALUATION WOULD TAKE SOME TIME SINCE THE SWISS WOULD FIRST HAVE TO GATHER THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ON THE DIXI AND SIP MODELS CONCERNED. HE
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ALSO NOTED THAT THE SWISS COULD NOT RETROACTIVELY APPLY

THE NEW IL-1091 DEFINITION ADOPTED BY COCOM ON JANUARY
20, 1976 TO SALES OF MACHINE TOOLS MADE BEFORE THAT DATE.

3. THE EDO TELEPHONED MR. KRELL ON FEBRUARY 25. MR.
KRELL STATED THAT THE DIVISION OF COMMERCE EXPECTS TO
RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL BROCHURES IT NEEDS ON THE CITED
MODELS THIS WEEK. IT WILL THEN SUBMIT THE INFORMATION
TO ITS ENGINEERS IN ZURICH WHO WILL MAKE A JUDGEMENT
ON THE BASIS OF IL-1091. MR. KRELL ADDED THAT THE
EVALUATION PROCESS WILL TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO TO
THREE WEEKS.
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